

## J. HUDSON KIBBE.

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FEBRUARY 8, 1904.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

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Mr. SULLOWAY, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, submitted the following

### REPORT.

[To accompany S. 167.]

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 167) granting an increase of pension to J. Hudson Kibbe, have examined the same and adopt the Senate report thereon and recommend that the bill do pass.

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[Senate Report No. 230, Fifty-eighth Congress, second session.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 167) granting an increase of pension to J. Hudson Kibbe, have examined the same and report:

This bill proposes to increase from \$12 to \$24 per month the pension of J. Hudson Kibbe, late of Company C, Thirteenth Regiment Vermont Volunteer Infantry, who served from April 29, 1862, to July 21, 1863, when honorably discharged.

Claimant is now receiving a pension of \$12 per month under the act of June 27, 1890, for total disability, due to disease of lungs, catarrh, diarrhea, piles, disease of heart, and senile debility. He is 75 years of age, utterly helpless, requiring the regular and constant aid and attendance of another person, and for two years past has been confined to his bed. His last medical examination, made at his home in Worcester, Mass., September 13, 1901, because of his physical inability to report to the examining board, shows his deplorable condition and helplessness.

Claimant filed an application under the general law July, 1889, alleging that he contracted catarrh, weak lungs, chronic diarrhea, piles, and malarial poisoning in service, but he is wholly unable to furnish the evidence required by the Bureau to establish this claim, and he has long ago abandoned it.

It is shown by the papers on file in the Bureau that claimant is very poor, without any means of support except his pension. His advanced age and helplessness and great poverty appeal strongly for relief, and your committee, impressed with the merits of his claim, are of opinion that an increase of his pension to \$24 per month is eminently just and proper.

The bill is reported back favorably, with a recommendation that it pass.

